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Viewing cable 08MUMBAI491, DOW CONTINUES TO RUN THE GAMUT OF INDIAN POLITICS

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
08MUMBAI491	2008-10-15 04:31	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Consulate Mumbai

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/the-india-cables/article1588625.ece>

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E.O. 12958: DECL: 11/15/2023
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SUBJECT: DOW CONTINUES TO RUN THE GAMUT OF INDIAN POLITICS

REF: MUMBAI 459

CLASSIFIED BY: BANSALG, ECON, ECON, STATE.
REASON: 1.4 (b)

1. (SBU) Summary. On October 1 Maharashtra Chief Minister (CM) Vilasrao Deshmukh ordered a halt to construction of the Dow Chemical Company's Maharashtra Chief Minister Puts Dow Project on Hold
2. (SBU) On October 1, Maharashtra State Chief Minister Vilasrao Deshmukh announced that he was ordering a halt to construction of Dow's Reses Protesters Increasingly Diverse. And Effective
3. (SBU) According to Dow, three major groups have combined to protest Dow's facility. The initial groups consisted of NGOs and activists inv
4. (SBU) Dow representatives told Congenoffs that Warkari leaders met recently with visiting Union Minister for Agriculture Sharad Pawar, who MUMBAI 00000491 002 OF 003 to look into charges that Dow could pollute or damage the environment at this site. Dow representatives said that Deshmukh called Dow CEO Andre Patil Says That Dow Needs to Do More to Meet Village Concerns
5. (SBU) In a September 25th meeting with the Consul General, Shivajirao Adhilrao Patil expressed his desire to resolve the dispute peacefully
6. (SBU) According to Patil, the villagers learned that Dow was connected to Union Carbide from newspaper stories. Patil said that Dow has dri
7. (SBU) In July 2008, Patil met Dow's CEO and stressed that the company needed to explain the project to the villagers, preferably through a
8. (SBU) Patil reassured the CG that the safety of any American or Indian working for Dow will not be compromised. However, the strong police Dow Says Corruption and Politics At Root of the Problem
9. (SBU) On September 29, Congenoffs met with Rakesh Chitkara, Dow's Head of Corporate Affairs, to discuss the recent developments. Chitkara s
10. (SBU) On the issue of drilling holes into the ground, Chitkara countered Patil's charges, stating that Dow has been drilling holes to stu MUMBAI 00000491 003 OF 003
11. (SBU) On the charge that their approval allows them to manufacture chemicals, Chitkara countered that the state application forms do not h
12. (SBU) Chitkara said that the company was pessimistic that the Maharashtra state government will make any decisions in the time period spec Dow Faces More Problems with Gujarat Project
13. (C) Chitkara said that Dow is also having problems with its investment in a Gujarat state-owned company. The investment requires approval Comment:
14. (SBU) Dow has told Congenoffs that they do not have infinite patience for the political and other problems faced by their business in Indi FOLMSBEE